Cases of Child sexual abuse

† 4277. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether girls and boys are brought from all over India especially from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka for having forcibly sex with the tourists;

(b) if so, whether Government have cautioned State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether in view of the cases of child sexual abuse, there is a proposal to conduct an inquiry into the functioning of orphanages and other such voluntary organisations located in various tourists centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security threat to Manipur

4278. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Navbharat Times on 13th January, 2001 according to which there is external security threat to Manipur State like Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have taken any specific action to ensure adequate safety of the people in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is. aware of the situation prevailing in the North Eastern States including Manipur. Government of India have taken various steps to ensure

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

adequate safety of the people of North Eastern Region besides the security of the Region which *inter alia* includes, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernization/ upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected area as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action. Government have atso renewed their appeal to militant groups to come forward for talks. Government have also committed to speedy economic development of the North Eastern States. Government have also approached the Government of Myanmar for cooperation and they have assured that they will not allow their territory to be used by extremist elements. An Action Plan has been committed by the State Government of Manipur in January, 2001 in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs to improve the security scenario in the State.

Role of Ministry's Official in Tehelka Case

4279. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Director level officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs has been suspended for his alleged role in the Tehelka expose without waiting for his reply to the show cause notice recently;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government also knew that the suspended official was a controversial person before his suspension; and

(d) if so, how he was allowed to occupy such a sensitive post in the Home Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Following publication